

CITY OF OVILLA MINUTES

Monday, July 18, 2023

*Special City Council Meeting and Budget Workshop
105 S. Cockrell Hill Road, Ovilla, TX 75154*

Mayor Dormier called the Council Meeting of the Ovilla City Council to order at 5:00 PM, in the Ovilla Council Chamber Room, 105 S. Cockrell Hill Road Ovilla TX 75154, with notice of the meeting duly posted.

The following City Council Members were present:

Kimberly Case	Mayor Pro Tem,	Place 1
Dean Oberg	Council Member,	Place 2
David Griffin	Council Member,	Place 3
Doug Hunt	Council Member,	Place 4
Brad Piland	Council Member,	Place 5

All members of the council were present constituting a quorum. The City Manager, City Secretary, Department Directors, and various staff were also present.

CALL TO ORDER:

PL3 Griffin led the invocation and PL4 Hunt led the reciting of the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTS:

None

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

John Jimenez, 109 Suburban Dr., addressed the council with concerns about Ovilla retaining its small-town charm and rural feel.

REGULAR AGENDA:

ITEM 1. DISCUSSION/ACTION – Workshop and review of the Preliminary Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget and direct staff as necessary.

City Manager David Henley presented the Preliminary Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget to the council for discussion. The council reviewed and discussed the budget with Mr. Henley and the department directors. The council provided staff with feedback on inclusions that the council wished to be added to the budget. These additions included but were not limited to a possible increase in salaries, funding for street maintenance or paving, and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funded projects.

Police Chief Joey Bennett advised that he is requesting two new squad cars be purchased. Chief Bennett relayed to the council that there is currently a waiting period of 12 to 18 months to receive police vehicles.

Fire Chief Brandon Kennedy stated that he had included in the Fire Department budget funding for three (3) full-time fire captains. Chief Kennedy explained that the department is waiting on a potential award of the Staffing For Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant that would fund the

salaries of the fire captains for three (3) years. Furthermore, Chief Kennedy advised that the ESD has pledged \$100,000.00 annually in perpetuity to begin in October of 2023 if the SAFER grant is awarded to the department. Chief Kennedy stated that the ESD will be including the \$100,000.00 in the annual contracts which are presented and approved by the council each year.

Public Works Director James Kuykendall advised of several projects to be included in the upcoming budget year that were to be funded by the ARPA grant. These projects include but are not limited to a broken ladder on the ground storage tank, an analyzer for water samples, and an update to the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) equipment.

No Action Taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council of the City of Ovilla, Texas, reserves the right to meet in a closed session on any item listed on this Agenda should the need arise, pursuant to authorization by Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberations about real property), 551.073 (deliberations about gifts and donations), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberations about security devices), 551.087 (economic development), 418.183 (homeland security).

None

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COUNCIL AND STAFF:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

PL2 Oberg made a motion to adjourn.

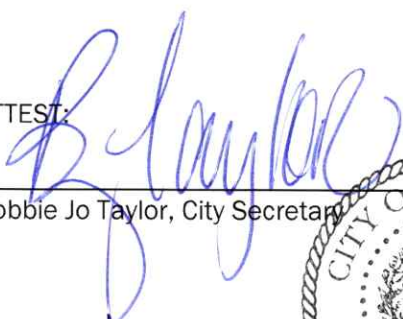
PL3 Griffin seconded the motion.

There being no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Case adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

No oppositions, no abstentions.

VOTE: The motion to approve carried unanimously: 5-0

ATTEST:


Bobbie Jo Taylor, City Secretary




Richard Dormier, Mayor

APPROVED: August 14, 2023